



SD DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL RELATIONS

Newsletter

June 2020



LETTER FROM SECRETARY FLUTE

Mitakuyapi ka Mitakodapi,

I would like to take this time to thank all the health care providers that have endured the great responsibility of providing care for those that have been challenged with COVID-19 as well as other health conditions that require the attention of our health care providers. I want to thank those tribes and tribal leaders that have engaged and sustained communication with our agency and our colleagues on issues that are important to all of us.

Congratulations to all our High School graduates and College graduates. Although we were not able to conduct traditional graduation ceremonies and receptions we can all share our experiences with the future generation and the positive growth we endured through a changing and challenging time. Good luck to all of you in your future goals.

As we carry on with our mission we look forward to working with the tribes and their tribal leaders on issues that are important to them. I want to personally wish everyone a great summer.

Aho-Wopida.

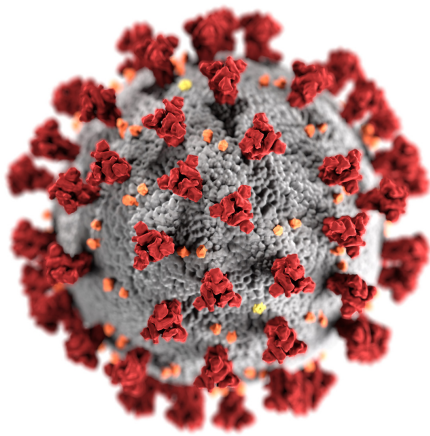
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OUR DEPARTMENT'S MISSION IS TO:

- ▲ Recognize the nine sovereign tribes who share our geographical borders as distinct political entities
- ▲ Support their self-governance efforts
- ▲ Work with their chosen leaders in a cooperative government to government relationship in order to improve the quality of life for all South Dakota citizens
- ▲ Identify, develop and/or coordinate federal state and local resources to increase partnerships between state and tribal agencies
- ▲ Introduce and/or support any legislation that would improve the quality of life for the Native American population in the state

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COVID-19 RESOURCES



Stay Updated with
Daily Coronavirus
Developments in SD
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TRIBAL CHECKPOINT LOCATIONS

Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation

- SD-20 6 Miles of Glad Valley
- SD-20 1 mile east of Timber Lake
- SD-65 5 miles north of Junction South Dakota 20 East-Isabel
- US-212 2.5 miles east of Junction SD 73 South-Faith
- US-212 at Missouri River Bridge
- SD-63 22.25 miles south of Junction US-212 west of Eagle Butte
- SD-34 4.25 miles south of Junction SD 34 West-Howes
- SD-34 10 miles east of Junction SD 73 North-Howes

Oglala Sioux Reservation

- SD-40 at Cheyenne River
- SD-44 4.5 miles east of Junction SD 377-Interior
- SD-44 .25 miles west of Junction SD 73
- US-18 .25 miles west of Batesland
- US-18 12.75 miles east of Junction US 385 South-Oelrichs
- US-83 from Nebraska State Line to Junction US 18 East-Mission
- SD-407 .75 mile south of Junction US 18-Pine Ridge

Information from SDDOT Safe Travel USA

Call 511 or visit safetravelusa.com/sd for up to date location information.

For up to date information from the Office of the Governor on this matter please visit:

<https://covid.sd.gov/tribal-checkpoints.aspx>



National Information
from the Center for
Disease Control
CDC.GOV

Indian Health
Services Federal
Response to COVID-19
IHS.GOV



Social Services
COVID-19 Resources
DSS.SD.GOV



COVID-19 Related
Depression Resources
SDSUICIDEPREVENTION.ORG



125 Ideas to Keep Kids
Entertained During
the Coronavirus

METH CAN AFFECT ANYONE.

Understanding the Warning Signs

**METH IS
EVERYONE'S
PROBLEM**

Signs Of Early Meth Use:

- Euphoric/"high" state (excessively happy)
- Decreased appetite
- Increased physical activity
- Anxiety, shaking hands, nervousness
- Incessant talking
- Rapid eye movement
- Increased body temperature (can rise as high as 108 degrees and cause death)
- Dilated pupils
- Sweating not related to physical activity

DO YOUR OR A LOVED ONE NEED HELP WITH METH ADDICTION?

Call 1-800-920-4343 for help now or
text "**ONMETH**" to 898211

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I WANT TO HELP GET METH
OUT OF SOUTH DAKOTA



Long-Term Symptoms:

- Paranoia
- Sleeplessness, severe depression
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Extreme irritability
- Seizures
- Teeth grinding, poor dental hygiene, body odor
- Skin ulceration and infections as a result of picking at the skin
- Auditory and visual hallucinations
- Violent, erratic behavior
- Nervousness
- Anhedonia (loss of pleasure)
- Dryness of mucous membranes
- Burnt or blistered lips and/or fingertips from holding hot smoking devices

Understanding the Warning Signs

When community members lack a sense of belonging or attachment to their community, they have a higher risk of becoming involved with alcohol or drug use and delinquency. This could include living under extreme economic deprivation, inadequate youth services, lack of opportunities and rewards for pro-social involvement, discriminatory surroundings, community disorganization (low neighborhood attachment, lack of strong social institutions) and lack of community bonding or cohesion.

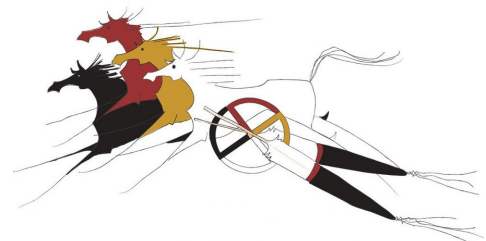
Mobilize your community to create neighborhoods where atmosphere, appearance and safety are important. Increase supervision of young people, and provide opportunities for youth to contribute to the community to help build greater social connectedness and a stronger attachment.

**Want to know more about how your
community can help?**

Click Here to Download the

**SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY
SUPPORT TOOLKIT**

INDIAN EDUCATION



Save the Date

SD Indian Education

VIRTUAL Conference

August 10, 2020

"Putting Our Minds Together"



Contact:
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The 2020 Indian Education Conference will be held virtually this year and the dates have been adjusted as well. Over a two-week period, there will be four live webinars that include keynote speakers and will be hosted by Whitney Rencountre.

All conference participants need to register for the webinars held on August 10th, 12th, 17th, and 19th. The conference is FREE to attend.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- August 10 - Dr. Manulani Meyer (Aluli ohana), Director of Indigenous Education at University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu
- August 12 - AM Tamera Miyasato (Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe), Learning Specialist at TIE
- August 12 - PM Dr. Pōhai Kūkea Shultz (Hawai'i), Principal Investigator of the Kaiapuni Assessment of Education Outcomes (KĀ'EO), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- August 17 - Mandy Smoker Broadbush (Assiniboine/Sioux), Practice Expert in Indian Education at Education Northwest
- August 19 - Eldon Marshall (Rosebud Sioux Tribe), Athletic Director/Head boys basketball coach at White River High School

There will also be informational recorded video presentations considered "breakout" sessions. The video presentations will be posted on the SD Indian Education Conference page for two weeks (August 10 through August 24). Participants can watch presentations at their own pace over the two-week period. Webinars and video presentations can be counted for continuing education contact hours. Fifteen (15) hours of conference presentations is equivalent to one (1) continuing education contact hour.

The SD Indian Education Conference web page is currently being developed. Once complete, participants may register for webinars.

Wóokiye Project 2020-2021



The state Office of Indian Education has selected three schools to help lead an effort to strengthen teaching in South Dakota K-12 districts about indigenous peoples. The Wóokiye project will collaborate with the South Dakota Department of Education and Technology & Innovation in Education to provide training and support for three SD schools.

The schools are Georgia Morse Middle School in the Pierre school district, Timber Lake district and the Smee district at Wakpala. The Wóokiye Project includes 20 Wóokiye Teachers. These teachers will train through the Summer this summer and will be participants in required monthly virtual meetings. The project will begin August 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

The goal of this effort is to create and implement a network of support that will help, aid, and assist teachers as they become proficient in using the [Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings \(OSEU\)](#).

OBJECTIVES:

- Creating OSEU lessons and schoolwide plans
- Modeling of culturally responsive classroom instruction
- Culturally responsive training /cultural proficiency
- *Development* of shared leadership/vision
- Wóokiye Sakowin training in culturally responsive classroom management

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IN THE NEWS

52nd Annual Red Cloud Indian Art Show Goes Virtual

June 6, 2020 

The Red Cloud Art Show is one of the longest running annual indigenous art shows in the US, and despite not taking visitors in the physical gallery due to COVID-19, the show can be viewed by the public virtually.

Patrons can view the pieces in this year's show as well as purchase art online.

The art show will be open for viewing and art will be available for purchase until August 10, 2020.

Great job, artists and curators for making this event happen!

[VISIT GALLERY](#)

News from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs

June 12, 2020 

▲ **Veterans Affairs Newsletter**

▲ **Job Postings**

New DTR Employee



Andrea Gaede joined the DTR team in April as our *Information Specialist*.

Previously, she had been an employee of the SD Bureau of Human Resources

Andrea has a degree in Studio Art from Concordia, Moorhead and a background in life enrichment, professional development, religion, photography, and printmaking.

At DTR, she will be working on public communications, like this newsletter!



TRIBAL COVID-19 TESTING EVENT

COVID-19 Testing for Sisseton Wahpeton Tribe Held at Dakota Magic on SD/ND Border

May 21, 2020

The South Dakota and North Dakota Departments of Health, North Dakota National Guard, and both state's Indian Health Services conducted a Coronavirus testing event for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe at the South Dakota/North Dakota border on May 21, 2020.

"On behalf of the SD Dept. of Tribal Relations, I want to thank our SD DOH for partnering with our ND counterparts to assist with this mass testing event for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe," said South Dakota Secretary of Tribal Relations David Flue. "I want to commend the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe for their reach out and partnership with both South Dakota and North Dakota to test their workforce and tribal members. Thank you, Commissioner Davis, ND Indian Affairs Commission, for facilitating the communications between our different agencies."

Employees and volunteers from state agencies, Dakota Magic employees, SWO Emergency Management, and DARE volunteers worked together to test essential workers, casino employees, and Sisseton Wahpeton tribal members from the public. North and South Dakota Departments of Health provided 350 testing kits each.

305 total people were tested using a "drive-through" style of testing. Individuals stayed in their car while tested by medical staff. Lanes were setup for both North Dakota and South Dakota residents according to their state residency. Test results were available within 72 hours, and individuals with positive results were notified by their respective state health officials.

Photos on Following Page



Pictured Left to Right: David Flute (Secretary for SD Tribal Relations) and Scott Davis (ND Indian Affairs Commissioner)

Pictured Left to Right: L-R: Courtney Clark (SWST Emergency Management), Jim Pearson (SWST Emergency Manager), David Flute (Secretary for SD Tribal Relations), Randy Jordan (Service Unit Director for the Woodrow Wilson Keeble Health Care Service Facility) and Scott Davis (ND Indian Affairs Commissioner)

Pictured Left to Right: David Flute, Secretary for SD Tribal Relations talks to North Dakota National Guard Commander, LTC Patrick Flannagan about North Dakota's mass covid-19 testing procedures and technology.

MORE NEWS

Photos from the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Ride 2020

June 3, 2020



YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE PARK ENTRANCE LICENSE (PEL) EXEMPTION

From Game, Fish & Parks, Secretary Hepler

- This exemption would provide members of the Yankton Sioux Tribe (YST) and their immediate families greater access to local outdoor recreational opportunities at these locations near the YST reservation area: North Point Recreation Area, Fort Randall South Shore Recreation Area, Randall Creek Recreation Area and Fort Randall Spillway Lakeside Use Areas.
 - This exemption does not apply to other fees such as camping, lodging, picnic shelter reservations, or equipment rentals.
- Free entrance enhances the recreational opportunities for YST members who currently see the park entrance license (PEL) as a barrier to enjoying the day-use facilities and activities we have at these park areas.
- Free entrance also allows the department to expand programs and events to YST families who currently see the PEL as a barrier to their participation.
- We have traditionally waived the PEL requirement for tribal members using our parks for religious purposes – this free entrance would clear this up and not put YST members and/or staff in awkward positions of asking why they do not have a PEL.
- This also serves as a learning opportunity for the department to better understand the target market and their use, needs and wants within the state park system.

#NotInvisible

#MMIW

84% of Native Women have experienced violence in their lifetime.

56% experience sexual violence.

55% experience physical violence by an intimate partner.

66% experience psychological aggression by an intimate partner.

Source: National Institute of Justice, Urban Indian Health Institute

Do you or a loved one need help
escaping domestic abuse?
SD Domestic Abuse Hotline
1.800.430.SAFE (7233)

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT US!

Do you have an upcoming event? Story idea? Art or literary submission? Question? Comment? Suggestion? We want to hear it!

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TOO MUCH FUN IS NOT GOOD FUN



PROBLEM GAMBLING HELP

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help and treatment are available.

Call the Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-888-781-HELP

Your call is always confidential.

 **PLAY RESPONSIBLY**

Depression and suicide affect people of all ages and populations, but Native American and Alaskan Native populations can be at a higher risk.

If you're struggling, the Lifeline is available to help, 24/7.



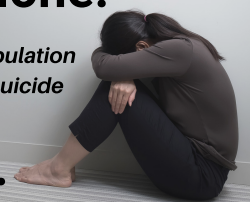
1-800-273-8255



You're Not Alone.

About five percent of the population will experience thoughts of suicide in any given year.

Help is Here.



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